

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, March 5, 2007.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robert F. Quinn, C.S.P., Chaplain of the House, as follows:

Prayer. God, Our Creator, upon whom we depend for our very existence, Your gift of wisdom enables us to cope with and address rationally the items and issues on each day's agenda. Your assistance helps us to consider carefully and to select prudently the best options which are available to us. The changes in the world, our country and in society force us to face new challenges in many fields of daily life. Teach us to remain faithful to our personal high ideals, traditional values and to our religious beliefs and practices. May our hearts and minds be filled with hope and confidence in You, as we carry out our responsibilities.

Grant Your blessings to the Speaker, the members and employees of this House and their families. Amen.

Pledge of allegiance. At the request of the Chair (Mr. Petrolati), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Statement of Representative Coakley-Rivera of Springfield.

A statement of Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield was spread upon the records of the House, as follows:

Statement of Representative Coakley-Rivera of Springfield. MR. SPEAKER: I would like to call to the attention of the House the fact that I was unable to be present in the House Chamber for the sitting of Tuesday last due to a previously scheduled family commitment. Had I been present for the taking of yea and nay No. 24, on approving Reorganization Plan No. 1 of 2007 (see House, No. 2034), I would have voted in the affirmative. Any roll that I missed that day was due entirely to the reason stated.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Girl Scouts. Resolutions (filed by Mrs. Canavan of Brockton) honoring the ninety-fifth anniversary of the Girl Scouts of the United States of America;

Youth Art Month. Resolutions (filed by Representatives Evangelidis of Holden, Callahan of Sutton, Fernandes of Milford, Gobi of Spencer, Peterson of Grafton and Spellane of Worcester) recognizing the month of March 2007 as Youth Art Month in Central Massachusetts; and

Raymond L. Flynn. Resolutions (filed by Mr. Wallace of Boston and other members of the House) congratulating Ambassador Raymond L. Flynn on his selection as Grand Marshal of the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade;

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Fagan of Taunton, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the Bill releasing a non-development covenant restriction on certain land in the town of Leicester (House, No. 19) ought to pass with an amendment by adding at the end thereof the following section: Leicester, development.

"SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary the non-development agreement referenced in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall remain in full force and effect except for parcels released from said non-development agreement pursuant to said sections 1 and 2 of this act.". Referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Mr. Donato of Medford, for said committee, reported that the matter be scheduled for consideration by the House.

Under suspension of Rule 7A, on motion of the same member, the bill was read a second time forthwith.

The amendment recommended by the committee on Ways and Means then was adopted; and the bill House, No. 19, amended) was ordered to a third reading.

Engrossed Bills.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Cheryl L. Traina, an employee of the Department of Revenue (see House, No. 3744) (which originated in the House), in respect to which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill enacted.

The engrossed Bill relative to the modernization of registries of deeds (see House, No. 3751) (which originated in the House) (which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be re-enacted, in its amended form; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate. Bill re-enacted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DiMasi of Boston,— Ordered. That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M. Next sitting.

At eight minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Donato of Medford (Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.